



2.0 Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Summary

This section describes how environmental compliance is achieved for the Hanford Site. Included are sections describing 1) stakeholder and tribal involvement in the environmental restoration and waste management missions at the Hanford Site, 2) the current status of the site's compliance with principal regulations, 3) issues and actions arising from these compliance efforts, 4) an annual summary of environmentally significant occurrences, and 5) waste management and chemical inventory information.

It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that all activities be carried out in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local

environmental laws and regulations, DOE Orders, Secretary of Energy Notices, DOE Headquarters and site operations office directives, policies, and guidance. This includes those specific requirements, actions, plans, and schedules identified in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (also known as the Tri-Party Agreement; Ecology et al. 1998) and other compliance or consent agreements. Both the Richland Operations Office and Office of River Protection recognize the importance of maintaining a proactive program of self-assessment and regulatory reporting to ensure that environmental compliance is achieved and maintained at the Hanford Site.